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In re Application of	:	
Shigeki Matsutani	:	
Application No. 10/052,463	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: January 23, 2002	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181
Attorney Docket Number:	:	
00862.022493	:	
Title: INFORMATION PROCESSING	:	
METHOD AND APPARATUS	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed March 14, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181, requesting that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit corrected drawings in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed July 13, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting formal drawings¹. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 14, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 6, 2006.

With the present petition, Petitioner has asserted that no corrected drawings were required. The Notice of Allowability has been reviewed, and it is clear that although the cover sheet indicates that corrected drawings were required, the text of the detailed action expressly indicates that the drawings were approved.

The Examiner has reviewed this notice, and has determined that the notation on the cover sheet was made in error. As such, the

¹ See MPEP §710.02(e).

drawings have been approved, and corrected drawings are not required.

Petitioner has requested that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn. Considering the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue, as set forth on petition, it is concluded that Petitioner has met his burden of establishing that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn. It is noted that the issue and publication fees were timely submitted.

Accordingly, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) is GRANTED. The holding of abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The Office of Patent Publication will be notified of this decision, so that this application can be processed into a patent.

The phone number for the Office of Patent Publication is (571) 272-4200. Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.



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